

Hyde Park Paddington

Note of Steering Group Meeting held on 10 June 2-3pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Residential Members:

- Allen Zimble (Chairman)
- Andy Beverley
- Sally Martin
- Bernadette McKernan
- Sergio Chiquetto
- Rev'd Stephen Mason
- Sarah Clifford
- Matthew Lindsay
- Maria Parpou

Business Members:

- Ian Lush (Imperial Health Charity)
- Andrew Scrivener (European Land)
- Kay Buxton (The Paddington Partnership)
- Mark Mckeown and Joanna Love (Church Commissioners)
- Paul Charalambous (Stylotel)
- Isabel Turner (British Land)
- Vaughan Smith (Frontline Club)
- Mike Fairmaner (Marble Arch London)

Apologies Received:

- Will Clayton (PaddingtonNow BID)

	Actions
1. Introductions and Apologies These were duly made and apologies noted. Maria was welcomed and introduced to the group.	
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising The minutes were agreed and there were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.	
3. Revised feasibility designs by WCC for Sussex Gardens and Burwood Place. Susan Chon from WCC had given her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting but had provided revised options for both locations following the feedback from the last Steering Group. KB had circulated these in advance of the meeting and presented them. All the options for Sussex Gardens included repaving, a new tree pit, more cycle stands/bike pump, the removal of the guard railing, and a new Street sign for Sussex Gardens. The difference in the options related to seating: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two long wooden benches in front of the Helter Skelter garden;	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A seat/planter under the tree and a planter/seat in front of the gardens; • A seat/planter in front of the gardens. <p>After much discussion about the merits or otherwise of seating, with different views expressed, and concerns about tackling pigeon feeding and dealing with bird poo, there was a clear majority for a seat and a separate planter to be placed in front of the Helter Skelter garden, but sufficiently far away so as to enable people to sit and look at the garden and also so that they could not climb over the fencing into the garden. However, a metal bench and planter was preferred as being easier to clean, and the bench that had been proposed for Burwood Place was preferred, alongside a metal planter. This should be densely planted to avoid attracting litter. The scheme should incorporate a no pigeon feeding sign and ideally a bird scarer.</p> <p>For Burwood Place, Susan had again provided three revised options and these were discussed, all with a cycle pump and bike repair station near the cycle stands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metal seating at the Edgware Road end with planters towards the Hyde Park Estate at the other end of the cycle stands; • A planter/seat next to the cycle stands and planters at the Edgware Road end; • A modular parklet with planting and seating between the cycle stands and the bank. <p>Everyone preferred the parklet option as being the best option. It was not clear whether the cycle stands would need to be moved but this would be looked at as part of the detailed design stage. MF agreed to feed these preferences back to WCC for them to work up a detailed design for each location.</p>	<p>MF</p>
<p>4. WCC Movement Strategy</p> <p>The Council’s Movement Strategy was discussed. AZ said that HPEA had only a weekend to comment on it but had had a helpful discussion with John Zamit, John Walton and KB and were now waiting for the Council to publish its proposals. The additional pavement space and reduced carriageway along Praed Street was discussed but it was agreed that until people started to return to the area in earnest it was too early to draw any conclusions.</p> <p>KB said she had raised the interests of the hospitality sector with WCC but didn’t know whether the Council would offer any flexibility for tables and chairs.</p> <p>IT said they were looking at how businesses could re-open at Paddington Central and AS said the same for Merchant Square, mainly with a view to giving residents somewhere to go and eat out, rather than waiting for the return of office workers.</p> <p>AZ said that it was difficult to judge the success or otherwise without any clear timescales in place, and whether restrictions and hence temporarily widened pavements would be in place for three months or much longer.</p>	
<p>5. Edgware Road Insights Study</p> <p>MF thanked the Group for their comments and explained he was now working through them and changing the brief accordingly. It was hoped to appoint consultants for the study in August.</p>	
<p>6. AOB</p> <p>AB asked about progress on the neighbourhood plan and KB explained that the Insights Study needed to be completed (and a similar study completed for Connaught Village that the Church had commissioned) before work could begin on drafting the plan.</p> <p>SC asked about any news from WCC on the Hyde Park Traffic study? AZ said that WCC had shared the study with him and that the HPEA transport Committee had seen it. It</p>	

<p>was agreed to put the study as a download on the HPP website for anyone interested in it to read.</p> <p>AB asked what the relationship was between the study and the Paddington Place Plan. KB explained that this was looking initially at the northern section of the area and the severance caused by the WestWay, and that WCC had commissioned a consortium of consultants (led by 5thStudio) to draw up a plan.</p>	<p>KB</p>
<p>7. Date of next meetings</p> <p>It was agreed to arrange the next meeting for Tuesday 14 July 2-3pm via Zoom.</p>	<p>KB</p>